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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the East Texas Law Enforcement Training Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive this funding is Sam Houston State University, located at 2424 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite B-8, Box 2448, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

This funding would be used to stand up a regional training project to prepare law enforcement and corrections agencies with the skills and tools necessary to better utilize data and inform decisions. Further, the project will provide law enforcement with in-depth training and tools related to de-escalation tactics to prepare them for potentially violent situations. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance officer and citizen safety by providing law enforcement agencies throughout Texas 17th Congressional District with quality and accessible law enforcement training, technical assistance, and crime analysis. Further, the project will improve officer and public safety by enabling the ability to deliver training and technical assistance on a greater scale to small and rural law enforcement jurisdictions than is currently possible. My community project funding request for this project is \$1,136,985.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 34 U.S.C. § 10152.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Pete Sessions

Member of Congress